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Performance of Maharashtra in PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the best performance of Maharashtra in Public Distribution System (PDS);
(b) if so, whether the success story of Maharashtra model would be replicated in other States of the country; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) to (c): With an aim to improve the functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the best practices followed by States/UTs are shared with other States/UTs on a regular basis through advisories, meetings, conferences, etc.
The performance of Public Distribution System (PDS) in a State/UT is determined mainly on four factors namely − (1) Digitization of ration cards (2) Online allocation (3) Computerization of supply chain and (4) Fair Price Shop automation.
All States/UTs including Maharashtra have completed 100% digitization of ration cards/beneficiaries. Online allocation and supply chain management is implemented in 29 States/UTs and 19 States/UTs respectively including Maharashtra State. The Maharashtra State has achieved 87% of seeding of Aadhar with ration card, while across the country this figure is 71%. 1.76 lakh Fair Price Shop (FPS) have been automated across the country. However, out of 51500 FPSs in the state, only 93 FPSs have been automated in Maharashtra.
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